



Provider Communication

Subject: Pharmacy: November 9, 2009 Update	Priority: High
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Dear Pharmacy Provider:

System Downtime:

The SXC claims processing system will be unavailable due to planned maintenance on Wednesday, November 11th, between 2:00-4:00 a.m. EST. Claims needing to be submitted during these periods should be held until the maintenance is completed. Georgia Medicaid apologizes for any inconvenience this downtime may cause.

Point-of-Sale (POS) Claim Status Response:

As a reminder, please review the POS Claim Status Response for helpful messaging about your processed claim.

Coverage Changes For Insulin Syringes & Pen Needles Effective October 1, 2009:

Effective October 1, 2009, there will be a change in coverage as it relates to insulin syringes and pen needles. For a complete list of covered insulin syringes and pen needles (including applicable Georgia Maximum Allowable Cost (GMAC) prices) please refer to www.ghp.georgia.gov → Provider Information → Pharmacy Services Overview → View Full Text → Other Pharmacy Documents → Covered Insulin Syringes and Pen Needles.

Labeler Information:

The participating status of the labeler listed below will be effective as indicated for the Medicaid Fee-For-Service Drug Rebate Program:

New Labeler		
Labeler Code	Labeler Name	Effective Date
40042	PHARMAFORCE, INC.	01/01/2010
43469	ZARS PHARMA, INC.	01/01/2010
46129	PALADIN LANS (USA), INC.	01/01/2010
48818	ALLOS THERAPEUTICS, INC.	01/01/2010
61971	VISTA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	01/01/2010

Corporate Offices of Chain Pharmacies: Please share this information with appropriate staff and provide it to each store in your chain that serves Georgia Medicaid Fee-for-Service Members.

Most Favored Nation (MFN) Rate

The Georgia Department of Community Health requires that pharmacy providers report their MFN rates annually and during the year when there are rate changes. This request is for 2009–2010 and will ensure proper provider reimbursement for pharmacy services. As a reminder the policy is as follows:

“602.1a MFN Rate Reporting”

At a frequency of at least annually, enrolled pharmacy providers must report their MFN rates in writing to the Medicaid Pharmacy Services Unit. Failure to report current MFN rate may result in recoupment of any overpaid fees”. (Part II Policies and Procedures for Pharmacy Manual, 2008, p. VI-3)

Please complete and return the attached MFN Reporting form with your MFN rate. The form should be returned to Georgia Medicaid between September 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009. You may send it by fax to 404-657-5461 or to this address:

Department of Community Health
Pharmacy Services
2 Peachtree Street, N.W. 37th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

The MFN Rate Reporting Form may also be downloaded from www.ghp.georgia.gov → Provider Information → Documents and Forms → View Full List → Scroll to the “Most Favored Nations Rate Reporting Form”.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Department at 404-656-4044.



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MFN Reporting Form

Please provide the information below using your pharmacy's letterhead, include all of the requested information and return via FAX to: Pharmacy Services @ 404-657-5461

Pharmacy Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ e-mail _____

Name of Contact _____

Printed

NCPDP# _____ Medicaid # _____ NPI # _____

Check one:

For Profit _____ Not for Profit _____

Most Favored Nation reimbursement rate:

Please note: CMO contracted rates, SHBP rates, and Medicare PDP rates should not be included when determining your MFN rate.

AWP - % + Dispensing Fee

Brand Discount is _____ % Brand Dispensing Fee is \$ _____

Generic Discount is _____ % Generic Dispensing Fee is \$ _____

MAC + \$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____

It is imperative to notify the Medicaid office when there is a change in your MFN rate. See section 602.1a in Part II of the Pharmacy Policies and Procedures Manual on the ghp.georgia.gov website.

Important Update

DCH Decision Document

Listed below are Preferred Drug List changes for the State of Georgia Fee-For-Service Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids Programs

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2009

As communicated in the past, DCH has a new rebate vendor, Goold Health Systems, working with the state to support our CMS and Supplemental Rebate programs. DCH has now concluded its analysis of supplemental rebate offers for the most recent round of bidding and PDL decisions for those categories involved in the bidding process are outlined below. **Those drugs highlighted in red indicate a change from current PDL status.** Several categories are up for discussion at the next Drug Utilization Review Board meeting and therefore they are not included in the decisions below. Those category decisions will be posted after DURB recommendations are received. Please note, this is not a full PDL listing and is not intended to include all covered drugs within a therapeutic category or provide a comprehensive list of therapeutic categories. For a full listing of our PDL, go to www.dch.georgia.gov/pharmacy and select the "Preferred Drug Lists" option.

DIABETIC - THIAZOL / BIGUANIDE COMBO			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
		ACTOPLUS MET TAB	
		AVANDAMET TAB	
		AVANDARYL TAB	
		DUETACT	
DIABETIC - THIAZOL			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	ACTOS 15MG	ACTOS 30MG, 45MG	
		AVANDIA	

GI - INFLAMMATORY BOWEL AGENTS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	ASACOL 400MG DR	ASACOL HD 800MG	
	PENTASA 250MG CR	PENTASA 500MG CR	
	CANASA	LIALDA	
	APRISO		
	SFROWASA		
GI - MISC.			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	MOVIPREP	HALFLYTELY	
	RELISTOR		
HYPERPARATHYROID TREATMENT - VITAMIN D ANALOGS AND CALCIMIMETICS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	ZEMPLAR	SENSIPAR	
		HECTOROL	
MIGRAINE - SELECTIVE SEROTONIN AGONISTS (5HT)-- TABS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	MAXALT-MLT	AMERGE	
	FROVA	AXERT	

	SUMATRIPTAN generic	MAXALT Tablet	
	IMITREX	MIGRANAL NS	
		RELPAK	
		TREXIMET	
		ZOMIG, -ZMT	
MUSCLE RELAXANTS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	DANTROLENE SODIUM	AMRIX	
		SKELAXIN	
		SOMA	
NARCOTICS - MISC.			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	VARIOUS GENERICS	FENTANYL ORAL	
	SUBOXONE	FENTORA	
	SUBUTEX	PRIMALEV	
		REPREXAIN	
		XOLOX	
		ZAMICET	
OP. BETA - BLOCKERS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	COMBIGAN	BETIMOL	
	BETAXOLOL HCL	BETAGAN	
	BETOPTIC-S	ISTALOL	

	CARTEOLOL HCL	TIMOPTIC, - XE	
	LEVOBUNOLOL HCL		
	METIPRANOLOL		
	TIMOLOL MALEATE		
OP. MAST CELL STABILIZERS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	CROMOLYN SODIUM	ALAMAST	
		ALOCIL	
		ALOMIDE	
TNF BLOCKERS			Effective Date: 11/1/09
	Preferred	Non-Preferred	
	CIMZIA	ENBREL 50MG	
	HUMIRA	HUMIRA CROHN'S STARTER KIT	
	ENBREL 25MG ONLY	KINERET	
		REMICADE	
		SIMPONI	

Please share all of this information with appropriate staff. If you are the corporate office of a chain pharmacy, please provide this information to each of your stores located in Georgia.

We thank you for your continued service and participation in the Georgia Medicaid & PeachCare for Kids Programs.

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Pharmacy Services Unit
404-656-4044